GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – APWAS –Payment of arrears of price adjustment in respect of labour, machinery and other materials as per G.O.Ms.No.22, I&CAD, dated: 23.02.2015 – Payments made in violation of orders issued by Government in EPC Packages 1&5 of Pullasubbaiah Veligonda Project- Punishment of withholding of one increment without cumulative effect on Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole under of Rule 9 of A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.II-DWA-PAO) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 143 **Dated: 27-08-2018**
Read the following:-

1. Memo No. JDWA/W&P/OGL/Sn-I/Admn/2016-17/98, dt. 08.08.2016.
2. Written Statement of defence of the Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole, dt: 24-08-2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.39 Finance (Admn-II) Department, dt: 09-01-2017.
4. The Director of Works Accounts file No. DOWA-11021/41/2017-SEC I/DWA, dt: 31-08-2017.
5. Memo No. 973/253/WA/Admn.II/2016, dt. 27.06.2018.
6. The Director of Works Accounts file No. DOWA-11021/260/2017-SEC I/DWA, dt: 18-07-2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the following charges have been framed against Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole on the allegations made against him in scrutiny of the claim in respect of payment of arrears of price adjustment in EPC Packages No.1 & 5 of PSVGP without following the instruction of Government in G.O.Ms.No.22, I&CAD (Reforms) Department, dt. 23.02.2015.

Charge: "That the said Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole, while working as Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole has failed in his duty in scrutiny of the claim in respect of payment of arrears of price adjustment towards labour, machinery and other materials in respect of PSVGP Packages V.I & V.5 without following the instructions issued by the Government through G.O.Ms.No. 22, I&CAD (Reforms) Department, dated. 23.02.2015."

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the charged officer Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole, has submitted written statement of defence and it has been examined and found not convincing.

3. In the reference third read above, Government has appointed Sri. J. Manohar, Joint Director of Works Accounts, Works & Projects., Kadapa as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri. V. Yesobu, Joint Director of Works Accounts, Works & Projects, Ongole, Sri. C. Saraswathi Kumar, Pay and Accounts Officer, Ongole. Sri. G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent and K. Srinivasa Rao, Senior Assistant, Office of the Pay and Accounts Office, Works & Projects, Ongole and in File No.C.No.973/253/WA/Admn.II/2016 exercise of powers conferred by sub- rule Rule 20 (5) (c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 appointed Sri P. Gangadhara Rao, Joint Director, Works & Projects, Dowlaiswaram as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. The Inquiry officer, in his report vide reference fourth read above, held that the charge levelled against the said charged officer has not been proved. The DWA has agreed with the finding of the inquiry. But, Government disagrees with the inquiry report, as there is contradiction between findings and recommendations of inquiry officer. After, going through the entire issue, the findings of the inquiry officer are not agreed. If any ambiguity identified by the Officers while implementing the GOs or instructions issued by the Government, the clarification may be obtained from the higher authorities or from the Government instead of obtaining clarification from the SE or CE of the Project. Further, the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.22, I & CAD (Reforms) Department, dt.23-02-2015 are very clear and any guidelines issued subsequently are within the purview of the original orders

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Government have provisionally decided to impose the punishment of withholding of one increment without cumulative effect under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 on the charged officer. Accordingly, show cause notice was issued to the individual to explain as to why the punishment of withholding of one increment without cumulative effect should not be imposed on him for the charges framed against him.

6. In the reference 6th cited above, the charged officer Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole, in his reply to show cause notice, has requested the Government to kindly consider his case sympathetically and with draw the proposed punishment of withholding of one increment without cumulative effect on humanitarian grounds.

7. Government after careful examination of the material on record, do not find any reason to modify the provisional punishment indicated and hereby order to impose a punishment of withholding of one increment without cumulative effect on the charged officer, Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

8. The Director of Works Accounts, A.P. Ibrahimpatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

9. Copy of this order is available on Internet and can be accessed at address https: //www.goir.ap.gov.in.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (Expr.)

To

1. Sri G. Richard Ravi, Superintendent, O/o the PAO, Ongole through the Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.

2. The Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.

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